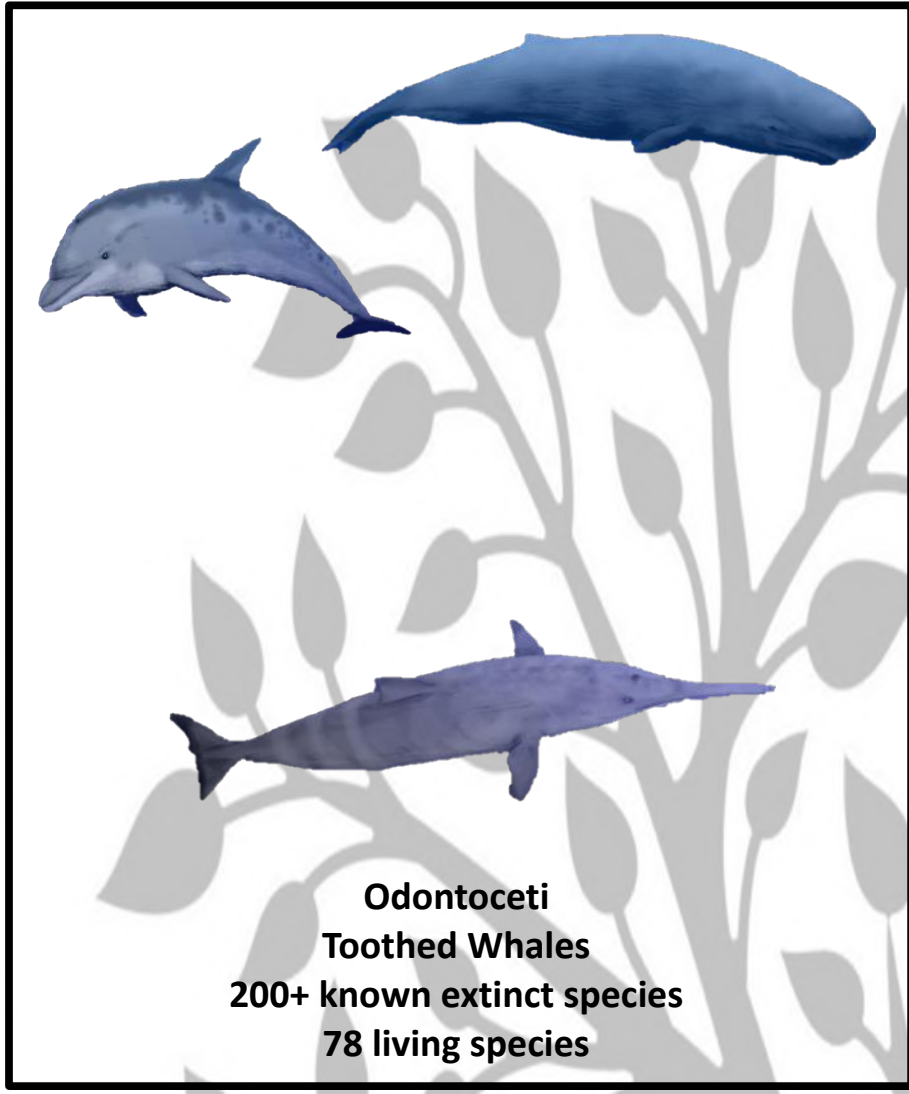
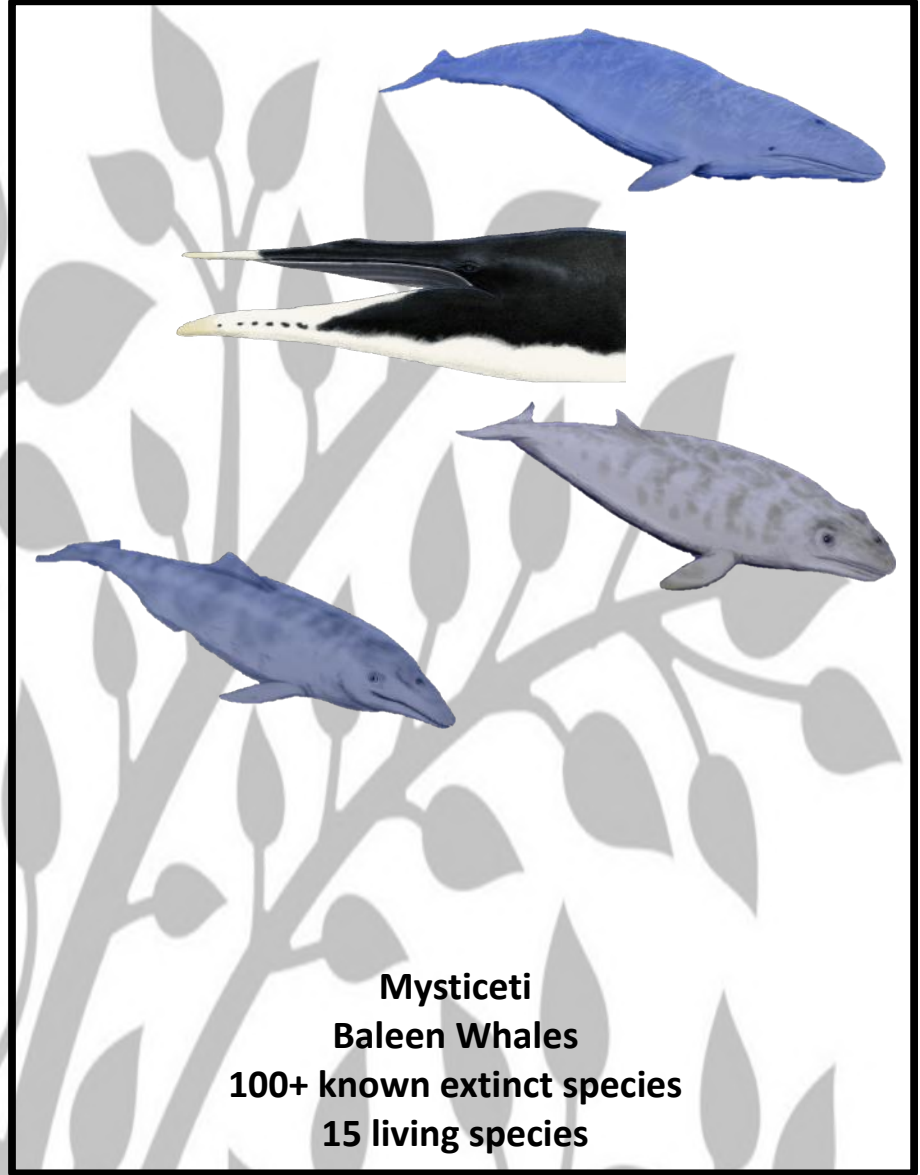


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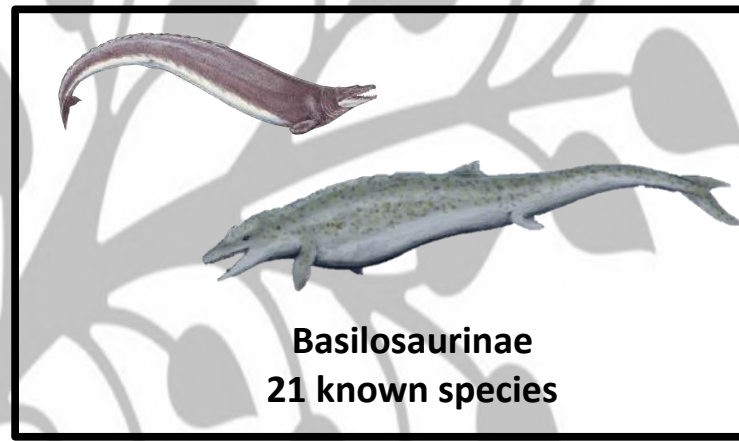
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Toothed Whales
 200+ known extinct species
 78 living species



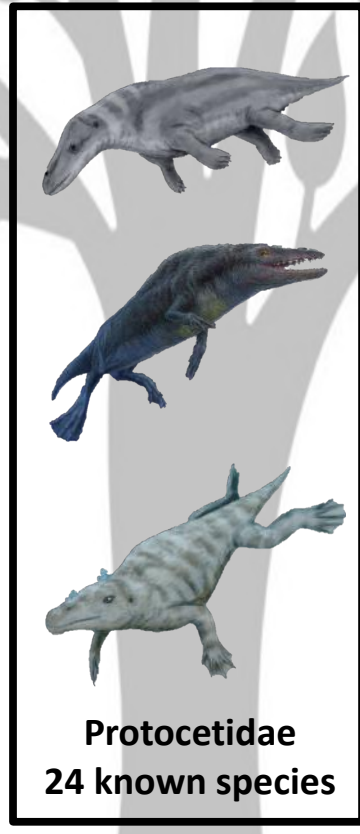
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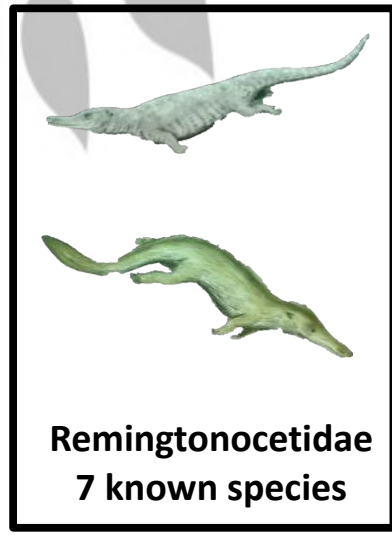
Basilosaurinae
 21 known species



Protocetidae
 24 known species



Ambulocetidae
 3 known species



Remingtonocetidae
 7 known species



Raoellidae
 Last Ancestor
 with Hippos
 10 known species



Pakicetidae
 First Member
 of Cetacea
 7 known species

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Even-toed Ungulates (Artiodactyla)
 Last Ancestor with Goats, Sheep, Deer & Cows

Quick Facts

- *We know that Whales and Dolphins are Even-toed Ungulates due to their unique ankle bones.
- *Their closest living relatives are Hippos and Ruminants such as cattle, sheep and deer.
- *Ambulocetidae likely behaved similarly to crocodiles. Able to walk on land, wade in shallow water, and attack land animals.
- *Protocetidae had a nasal opening much farther back on the head. Eventually evolving into "blowholes"
- *Basilosaurinae were the first truly aquatic whales. They gave birth in water, could not walk on land, and had tail flukes.
- *Ecolocating Whales and Dolphins evolved between 36 and 33 million years ago.